concern. When India says, "We cannot accept a patent regime which will raise our prices five times or ten times because it will drive vast millions of our people who have some access to medical care today be-yond the pale of the medical system," the West must understand this.

Nevertheless, let me conclude by saying that it is in our interest that there is a world trade regime which is fair and non-discriminatory. It is in the interest of developing countries to have a set of rules and regulations for world trade. We have a greater stake in fair and non-discriminatory rules than the developed world and therefore, India will do its best to ensure that a set of rules are accepted in the world, that a multilateral trading organisation does come into existence as a successor to GATT. But we will do so only after defending and protecting the vital national concerns of India and the Indian people."

Export Obligation Applicable to 100 per cent Export Oriented Units

3381. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the minimum export-obligation applicable to 100 per cent export oriented units from time to time, since the inception of the relevant scheme;

(b) whether any such undertakings were exempted in the past from their originally stipulated export obligations or in which cases such obligations were reduced; and

(c) if so, what are the names of such undertakings and what are the reasons for such exemption or reduction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Units under the 100% EOU Scheme are obliged to export their total production except rejects upto 5% and domestic sales upto a maximum of 25% of the value of production. Sales in the domestic tariff area are also permitted against an import licence/open general licence.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Vacation of a Building by DPLI, Calcutta

3382. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had assured that the building No. 2, Ganesh Chandra Avenue, at Calcutta will be vacated by DPLI, Calcutta and handed over to the owners by the first week of December, 1991;

(b) if so, whether the said assurance has been implemented;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the said building is likely to be vacated and handed over to its owners?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The Government vide reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1314 dated 11.9.91 said that it would vacate the building at No. 2B, Ganesh Chandra Avenue, Calcutta housing the office of the Director Postal Life Insurance as early as feasible.

(b) No, Sir. However, efforts are continuing.

(c) The alternate accommodation earmarked for shifting the O/O the Director, PLI, Calcutta is still under renovation and not yet ready for occupation.

(d) As soon as the renovation work is over the Government would vacate the premises at No. 2 B, Ganesh Chandra Avenue, Calcutta and hand over the same to its owners.

Shortage of Dak Materials at Almora and Ranikhet in U.P

3383. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of Dak materials in Almora District, particularly, at Basot, Taya, Chaunalia, Bhikiasain Bhataraujkhan and Ranikhet Post Offices in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to supply adequate Dak materials to meet the demand of these Post Offices?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) and (b) Occasional shortage of dak material due to non receipt from Stamps Depot have come to notice.
(c) The supply was arranged by diversion from other offices.

Opening of Post Offices and Branch Post Offices at Darjeeling in West Bengal

3384. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names and locations of post offices and branch post offices that are there under the three hill sub-divisions of Darjeeling district; and

(b) what are the details of post offices and branch post offices proposed to be opened during the Eighth Five Year Plan period in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The names and locations of Post Offices and Branch Post Offices that are under the three hill sub-divisions of Darjeeling district are being ascertained and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) While it is proposed to expand the postal network during the Eighth Five Year Plan period, it is not feasible to give the details of post offices and branch post offices proposed to be opened during this period in the three hill sub-divisions of Darjeeling district as the Eighth Five Year Plan has not been finalised.

Mobile Telephone Facility at the State Level

3385. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to provide mobile telephone facilities at the State level also;

(b) whether such facilities are proposed to be provided at the districts which are industrially advanced; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Tenders for franchising cellular mobile telephone service have been invited from Indian Companies for only four areas covering Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras.

संगम विहार, नई दिल्ली में डाक-वितरण डाकघर का खोला जाना

3386. **श्री चतुरानन मिश्र**: क्या **संचार मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या संगम विहार, नई दिल्ली में एक डाक-वितरण डाकघर खोलने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसे कब तक खोले जाने की संभावना है?

संचार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० रंगैया नायडू): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Norms for Transfer of Telephones

3387. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) What are the criteria laid down by MTNL, Delhi for transfer of telephones in the Union Territory of Delhi;

(b) whether MTNL proposes to liberalise the terms for transfer of telephones from one subscriber to another needy subscriber so as to stop malpractices of middlemen and brokers;